Naming of Saddleback Wilderness Trails
Orange County Parks Trails Subcommittee — August 9, 2023

Overview

Coast live oak in Saddleback Wilderness

➢ Trail Naming Process

➢ Trail Network

➢ Individual Trails

➢ Recommended Action

Trail Naming Process

➢ Gather public surveys

➢ Refine feedback

➢ Organize by theme for individual trails

Public Survey Question:

Can you suggest any trail names or trail naming themes for Saddleback Wilderness?

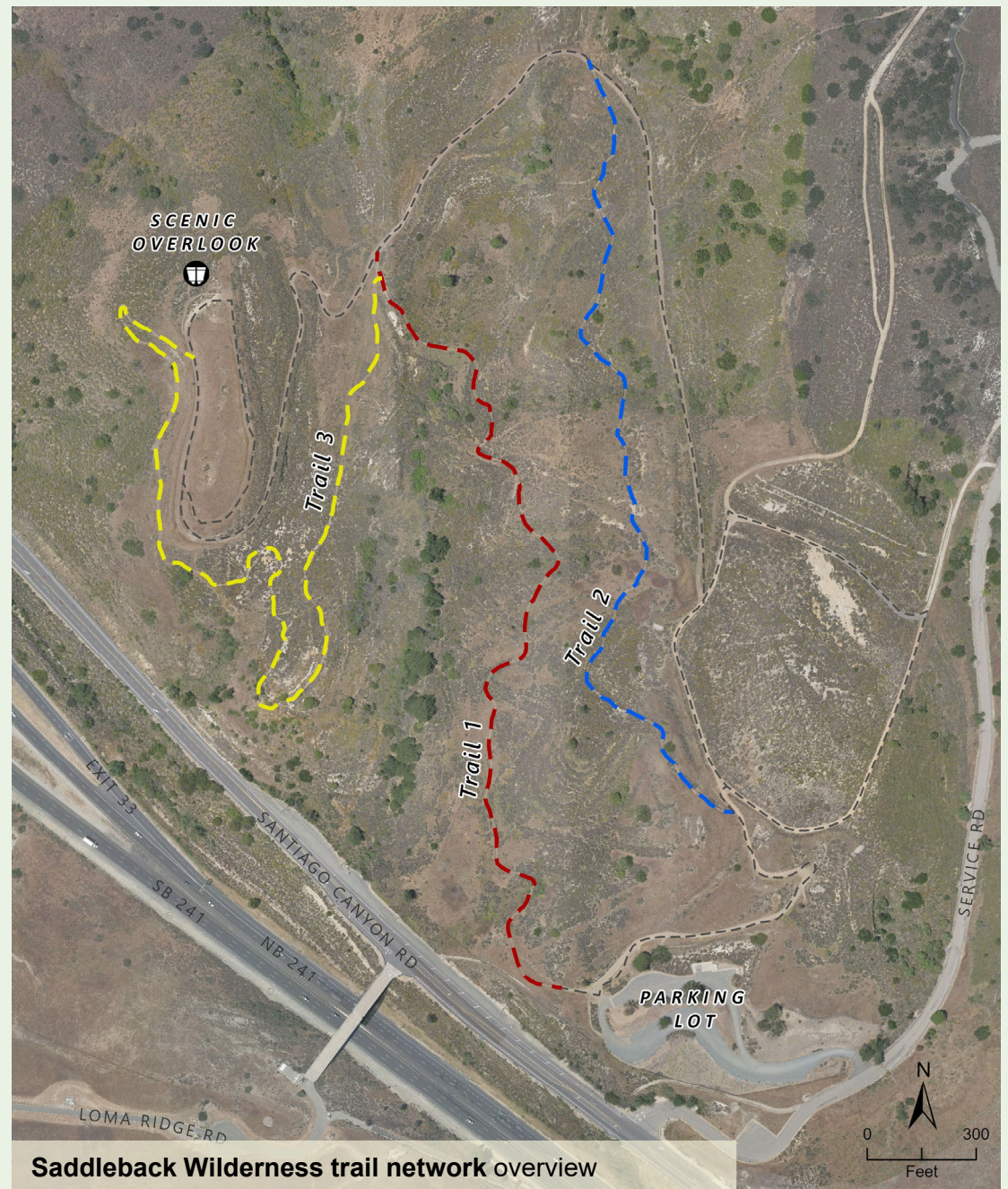**Answered: 142   Skipped: 140**

Views from a Saddleback Wilderness trail

Trail Network

Themes:

➢ **Trail 1** – Historical

➢ **Trail 2** – Native Plant/Animal

➢ **Trail 3** – Geographical

Saddleback Wilderness trail network overview

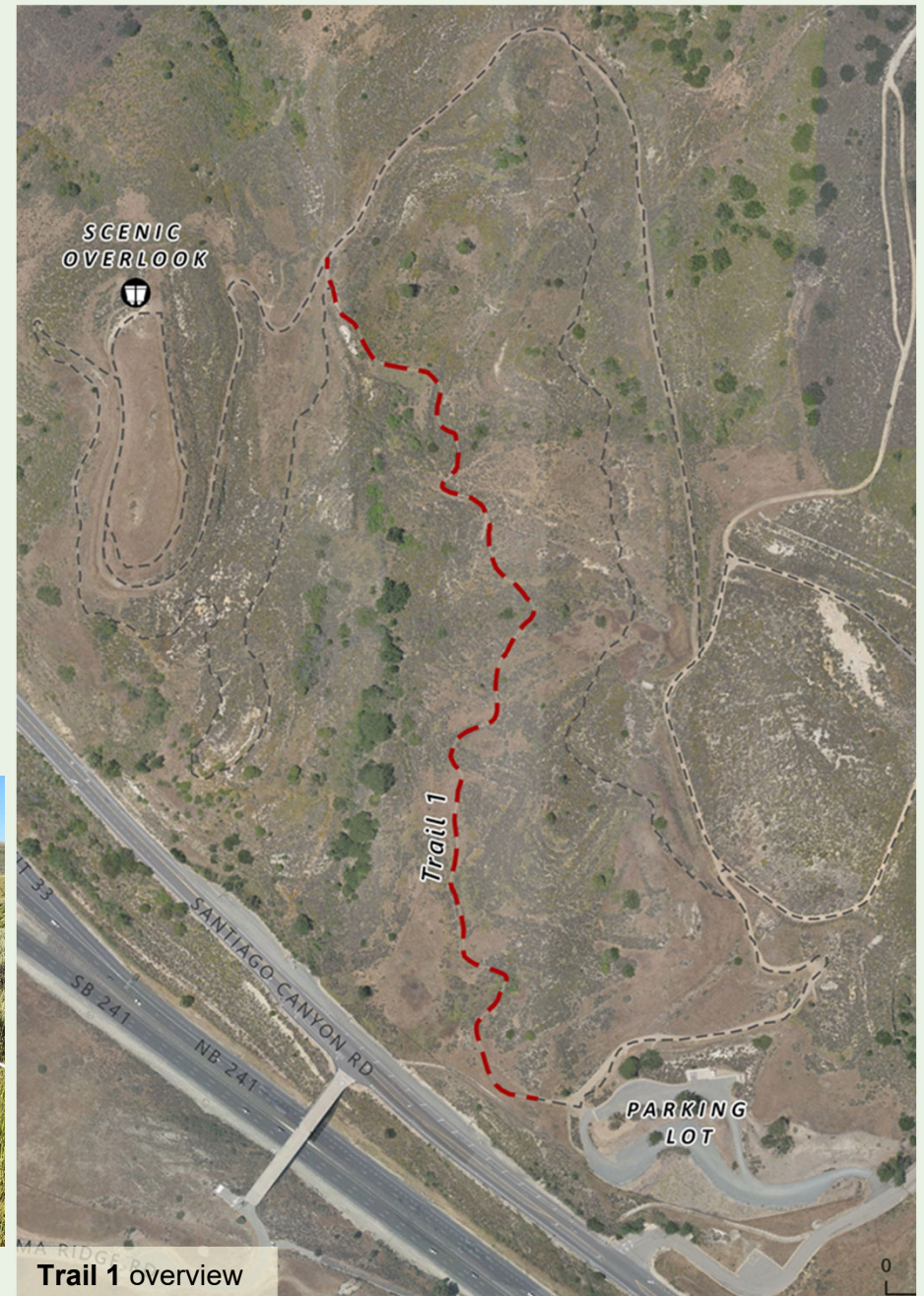# Trail 1 – Historical Theme

Start gate along "Trail 1" in Saddleback Wilderness, then and now

Name Choices:

➢ Holeshot Trail

➢ Sprocket Trail

➢ Nationals Trail

Trail 1 overview

Trail 2 – Plant/Animal Theme

Name Choices:

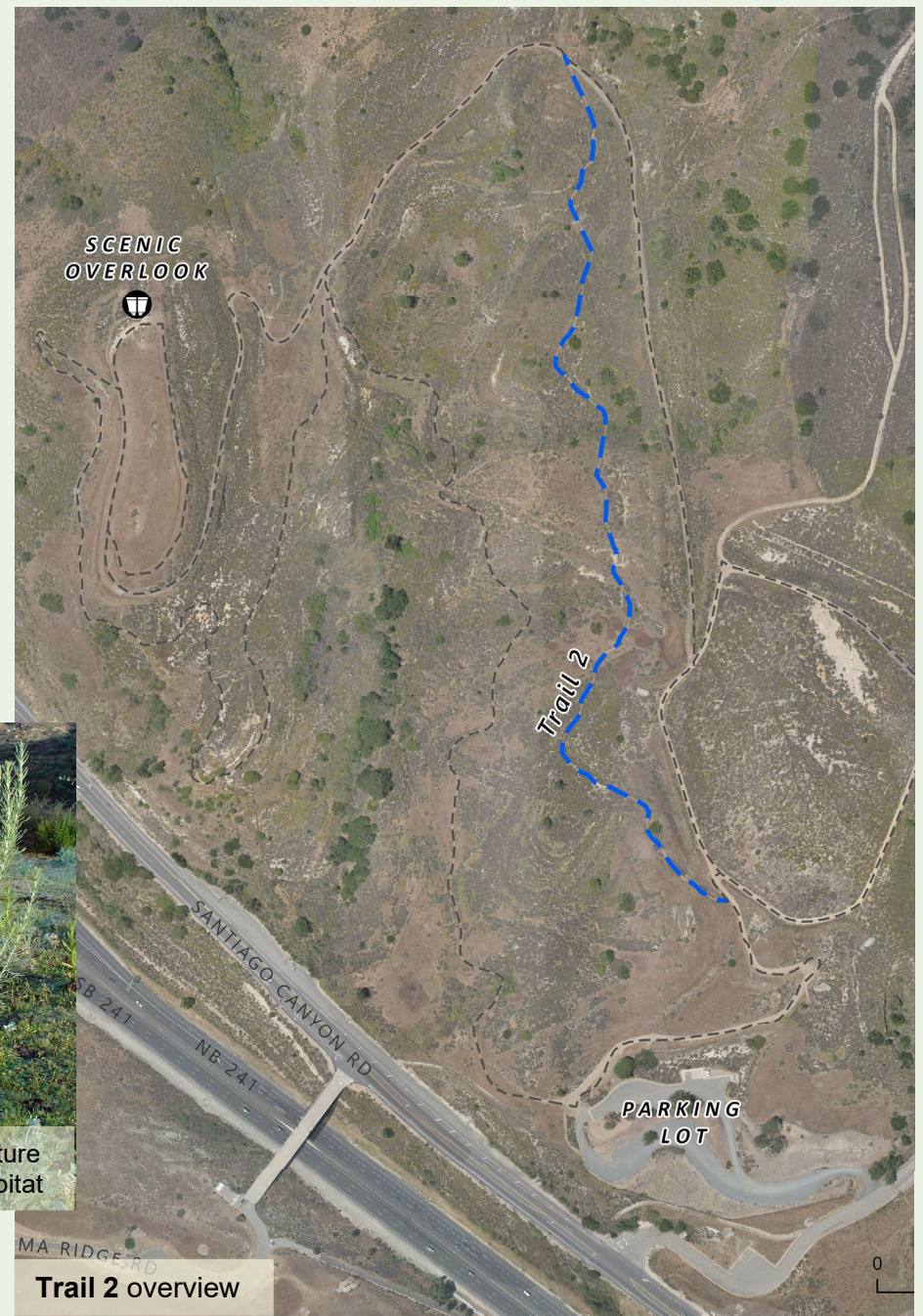➢ Cobweb Trail

➢ Whiptail Trail

➢ Sage Rush Trail

Native cobweb thistle and spiderwebs along "Trail 2"

Orange-throated whiptails are a special status species found in Saddleback Wilderness

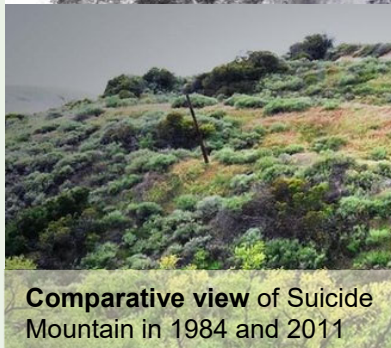**California sagebrush**, the signature species of coastal sage scrub habitat

Trail 2 overview

Trail 3 – Geographical Theme

Name Choices:

➢ Mountainside Trail

➢ Rock Wren Trail
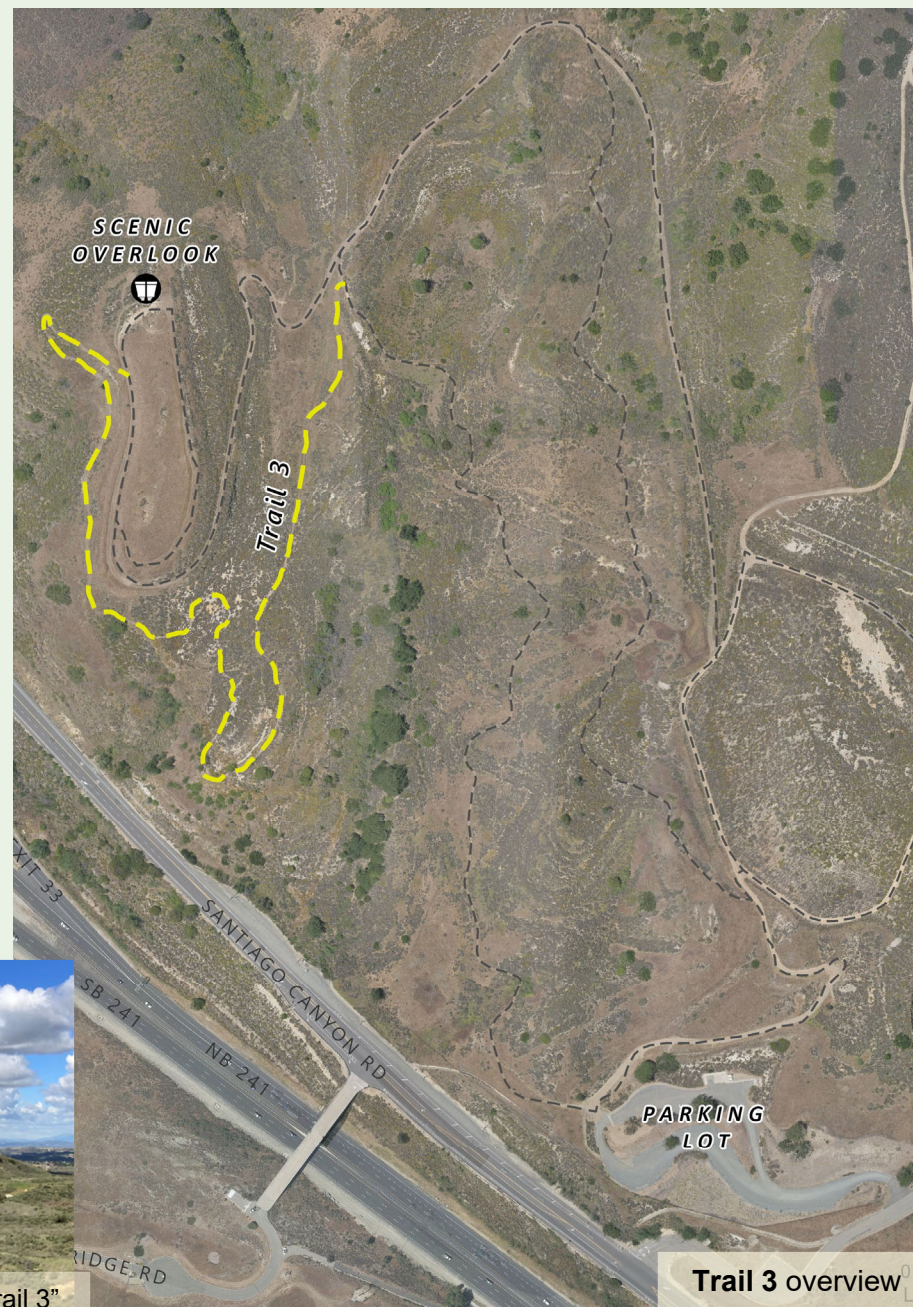
➢ Mirador Trail

Comparative view of Suicide Mountain in 1984 and 2011

Native rock wren found in Saddleback Wilderness, along with special sandstone rock trail features

360° views are available from the top of "Trail 3"

SCENIC OVERLOOK

Trail 3

EXIT 33

SANTIAGO CANYON RD

SB 241

NB 241

PARKING LOT

RIDGE RD

Trail 3 overview

Recommended Action

Select names for three Saddleback Wilderness trails for recommendation to the Orange County Parks Commission for approval.

History, Nature, and Scenic Views are popular Saddleback Wilderness themes

Recommended Action

Trail 1 – Historical Theme

➤ Holeshot Trail
➤ Sprocket Trail

➤ Nationals Trail

Trail 2 – Native Plant/Animal Theme

➤ Cobweb Trail
➤ Whiptail Trail

➤ Sage Rush Trail

Trail 3 – Geographical Theme

➤ Mountainside Trail
➤ Rock Wren Trail
➤ Mirador Trail